

## Sheriff ordered to repay \$5,294

Daniel Richardson

The Hickman County Fiscal Court met in special session Monday night to discuss state auditor Adam Edelen’s findings from Hickman County Sheriff Mark Green’s 2013 audit. The report, released last Monday, March 23, had several findings where funds were used and not properly documented. By the end of Monday night’s meeting, it was decided that Sheriff Green must pay the fiscal court at least \$5,294 from his personal finances, and possibly more.

After the location of the meeting was changed to the courtroom in the upper level of the Hickman County Courthouse due to the amount of guests present for the meeting, Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson called the meeting to order and began discussing the auditor’s findings. The first finding was of disallowed personal or unsupported expenditures. After some discussion, the fiscal court decided that Green should repay the fiscal court \$1,375 from his personal funds. Green did not disagree with

the decision, and said that he went to Judge Wilson’s office that morning ready to pay what was owed, but was instructed to wait until after the meeting to pay. The second finding regarded vehicle expenditures. It was noted that Green was paid \$7,450 for mileage reimbursement, and also \$3,919 for gas during 2013. Green said that he had known that one of those figures would have to be reimbursed to the fiscal court, but was waiting to be instructed which amount. The fiscal court decided

that Green should pay the fiscal court the \$3,919 that was used for gas. Hickman County Attorney Jason Batts notified Green that he would have 90 days from the date of the audit release to repay the funds, or the fiscal court would be required by law to instruct the county attorney to file a lawsuit to collect the funds. The finding also revealed that \$1,311 was spent for emergency equipment for Green’s personal vehicle, and recommended that the fiscal court determine whether this amount should be repaid. The

fiscal court’s position was that this is a non-issue, since the fiscal court now owns the vehicle in question. Another item of discussion on this finding was for cellular service expenditures that the auditor could not verify were for official use. The fiscal court reviewed the expenditures for cell-phones and other devices, and decided that the sheriff’s department’s cell-phone situation would be evaluated and adjusted. It was not determined

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**WORK READY COMMUNITY**—Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson hosted a “Work Ready Community” kickoff last Tuesday at the Young Center in Clinton. Business professionals and government leaders came together to discuss and show their support for efforts to designate Hickman County as a “Work Ready Community.” Among those pictured are Larry Farlee and Brian Harper from Harper’s Country Ham; Clinton City Council Members Jerome Jenkins and Ivan Potter; Cindy Lynch, Park Manager at Columbus-Belmont State Park; Hickman County Schools Superintendent Casey Henderson, Hickman County High School Principal Kevin Estes, Fulton County Area Technology Center Principal Terry Sullivan, Hickman County High School Guidance Counselor Amy Boaz, Hickman County Schools Community Liaison Beverly Hopkins; Debbie Workman and Lisa Rushing with Clinton Bank; Bruce Kimbell, president of First Community Bank; Tommy Roberts, owner of Roberts Crop Insurance; Cooperative Extension Agents Melissa Goodman and Lisa Adams, Kentucky Great River Road Organization Executive Director Norma Pruitt, Hickman County Economic Development Authority Executive Director Greg Pruitt; Hickman-Fulton Economic Development Partnership Executive Director Eddie Crittendon; Hickman Fulton Counties RECC interim CEO Debbie Weatherford; Hickman County Magistrates Irvin Stroud and Kory Naranjo, and Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson.

## Fraud activity high in Hickman County

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There has been an uptick in recent months of fraud programs targeting residents of Hickman County, according to Scott Smith, Vice President of Compliance and Security at First Community Bank. Representatives at Clinton Bank have also seen an increase in fraud activity recently. “It’s almost every day now that we are dealing with fraud at one of our locations,” Smith said Monday. There are several different types of fraud that have been used to target locals, he said. “One of the more common occurrences is where someone will receive a check and a letter saying to cash the check and then wire

so much of it to another person, and keep the rest,” he said. Smith reported that in cases where victims deposit the check and then send a portion to the third party, the check always bounces, and the amount the victim sent to the third party is unrecoverable. Another scheme Smith pointed out is that a potential fraud victim will receive a letter or phone call saying that they have won a sweepstakes or lottery, and that they need to send some money before the winnings can be delivered. It seems like the scam would be obvious, but some of these methods are utilized by organized fraud groups and can be very convincing.

This specific method was recently used on

a Clinton Bank customer, and almost worked. The potential victim was notified that they had won a sweepstakes and would be awarded \$475,000, but had to send \$8,000 to claim their reward. They were told that the check they send would not be cashed, but was only for security. The customer alerted Clinton Bank after they sent the check, and the check was voided before the fraudsters did indeed attempt to cash it. “Red flags should go up if you are notified that you won a lottery that you have never played,” Smith said. He said that the criminals are so difficult for law enforcement to track down and prosecute because they are often

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## Jobless rates down in Hickman County, Purchase Area

Unemployment rates fell in Hickman County and 118 other Kentucky counties between February 2014 and February 2015, while Russell County stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Hickman County’s unemployment rate dropped to 5.7 percent from 9.9 percent last year. Although unemployment dropped in all eight counties that make up the Purchase Area, only one dropped more than Hickman County’s. Fulton County unemployment fell 6.8 percentage points from 13.6 percent

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**CHICKEN DANCE** —Carol Vance, a regular at the Hickman County Senior Citizens Center, does the Chicken Dance with Brenda Newsome, and member of the Golden Oldies Kitchen Band on Wednesday. The Golden Oldies Kitchen Band visited the center and performed Wednesday morning. See story and more photos on page 7.

## Several programs benefit from ‘Change for Community’ donations

In October 2013, Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC began the program “Change for The Community.” On Thursday, March 26, the committee for Change for The Community presented donations for the second time since the inception of the program. “We want to help as many people we can with our program,” stated Debbie Weatherford, interim President and CEO. “The first time we were able to donate \$10,000 to several worthy non-profit organizations and this time we have donated \$11,000. “The name of the program describes what HFRECC is wishing to accomplish by collecting these funds and distributing them in our area to charitable organizations and community efforts,” Weatherford continued. “By collecting the ‘change’ HFRECC is

hoping to make a ‘change’ in the lives of the people in our counties.” This program rounds the electric bills up to the next dollar and the change collected is added to a fund to support organizations in the counties that HFRCC serves. If a member does not wish to participate, he/she can contact the HFRECC office and opt out. Last Thursday 12 non-profit organizations received between \$2,500 and \$500 each for their non-profit organization to assist them with making a difference in their community. Those receiving funds include: • Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center- \$2,500 – servicing the counties of Fulton and Hickman in Kentucky and Obion

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**CHANGE FOR THE COMMUNITY MAKES DONATIONS** —On March 26 the Change for The Community committee presented \$11,000 to non-profit organizations in the counties of Hickman, Carlisle, and Fulton in Kentucky and Obion and Weakley in Tennessee. Those receiving funds in Hickman County include: (l to r) Laura Poole with the Hickman County Memorial Library (\$500), Vickie Batts with KAPS Family Resource Youth Service (\$500), Tina McAuliffe and Julie Wilson with the Mission House (\$500), Rhonda Parham Crick with the Hickman County Senior Citizens Center (\$1,500) and (not pictured) Hickman County EMS.



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# Emergency Readiness Kits

## March is Severe Weather Awareness Month

Governor Steve Beshear has declared the month of March as Severe Weather Awareness Month in Kentucky. Now is the time for all Kentuckians to prepare themselves and their homes for severe weather, including tornadoes, flash floods, and severe thunderstorms.

Each week during the month of March, The Hickman County Gazette has highlighted specific areas of severe weather threats to our area. This week, we highlight emergency preparedness kits. Over the last four issues, we have printed informational articles on flooding, thunderstorms and lightning, tornadoes, and emergency notifications.

Building an emergency kit  
A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You will probably not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them.

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days.

Additionally, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week, or longer. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages.



### Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Additional emergency supplies

Once you have gathered the supplies for a basic emergency kit, you may want to consider adding the following items:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. You can use the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit - EFFAK (PDF - 977Kb) developed by Operation Hope, FEMA and Citizen Corps to help you organize your information.
- Emergency reference



### Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

**Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation**

**Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food**

**Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both**

**Flashlight and extra batteries**

**First aid kit**

**Whistle to signal for help**

**Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place**

**Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation**



**Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities**

**Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)**

**Local maps**

**Through its *Ready* Campaign,** the Federal Emergency Management Agency educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. *Ready* asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

All Americans should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. Following is a listing of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.



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material such as a first aid book or free information from this web site. (See Publications)

- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.

- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.

- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted, nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic

utensils

- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- First aid kit

In any emergency a family member or you yourself may suffer an injury. If you have these basic first aid supplies you are better prepared to help your loved ones when they are hurt.

Knowing how to treat minor injuries can make a difference in an emergency. You may consider taking a first aid class, but simply having the following things can help you stop bleeding, prevent infection and assist in decontamination.

- Two pairs of Latex or other sterile gloves if you are allergic to Latex
- Sterile dressings to stop bleeding
- Cleansing agent/soap and antibiotic towelettes
- Antibiotic ointment
- Burn ointment
- Adhesive bandages in a variety of sizes
- Eye wash solution to

flush the eyes or as general decontaminant

- Thermometer
- Prescription medications you take every day such as insulin, heart medicine and asthma inhalers. You should periodically rotate medicines to account for expiration dates.
- Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood pressure monitoring equipment and supplies
- Non-prescription drugs:
- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Antacid
- Laxative
- Other first aid supplies:
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant

*Information for this article was taken from the website ready.gov. More information on flooding is available online at www.ready.gov.*

## ‘Future Quest’ now at library

On behalf of Vivid Gray, a local author, Mary Ann Elliott presented his book, “Future Quest” to Laura Poole, for the use of the Hickman County Memorial Library.

It is the first of a series of standalone books. However, the reader will understand the characters better if read in sequence. These are available exclusively from Amazon Books on the web in both paperback and digital versions.

MY-Marketing-KY has previously finished a Facebook page Vivid Gray Writings, which has been operational for several weeks.

A webpage has recently been finished and activated. This is titled Vivid Gray Books. It can be accessed at <http://www.vividgraybooks.com/>.

We are also now on the Goodreads site. Check us out there. There will soon be more information added there.

The first book, “Future Quest” tells of the search on three continents for a former colleague who was involved with a super-secret clandestine agency, the suffering of a female soldier attempting to return to her former life, and a young couple on a humanitarian development undertaking in Africa. All were previously involved in the same agency.

Book two, “Chloe Duper Brown” follows a young woman, orphaned at age nine, who struggles through adversity with inner strength and the gentle touch of Devine guidance. This protagonist deals with witnessed horror, experienced terror, coming to realize personal guilt, and accepting that the past can not be changed.

The characters are neither super heroes nor wicked villains, only people who are human, attempting because of their strengths, or failing because of the weaknesses in struggling with responsibility versus personal desires, remorse, guilt, and sometimes with the unintended consequences of the action of others,

The third book “Michelle’s Girl” follows a UK sophomore through attempts to deal with limitations from an injury caused by a stray bullet tumbling from above as she walks to practice on the Wildcats cheer leading squad.

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- Mary Ann Elliott  
Marketing Representative.

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at the meeting how much Green will be required to reimburse the fiscal court, if any, due to this finding. Green will gather more information and report to the fiscal court at their next meeting.

The third finding mentioned that the sheriff had disallowed meals and travel expenditures and that the sheriff should either follow the fiscal court’s travel policy, or come up with his own. Judge Wilson said that KRS 44.060 states that meal reimbursements are only allowed if an employee is staying out of town overnight. Green said that he disagreed with the policy, since officers sometimes have to work 11-hour days transporting prisoners over great distances, and he feels that in such cases, officers should be reimbursed

for a meal. It was decided that Green would write a policy allowing for employees to be reimbursed for meals without spending the night out of town, and that the fiscal court would have to review and approve the policy.

Green said that some charges at local restaurants are for when trainers come in at no charge to provide training for the department, and he takes them out to eat.

The fourth finding regarded deposits being made on a daily basis. The auditor’s report said that it was found that the department was making deposits on a weekly basis due to the small amount of daily receipts. KRS 68.210 requires fee officials to make deposits on a daily basis. The auditor said that the sheriff

was in violation of KRS 68.210 because he was not making daily deposits.

Green said that he did not agree with this policy and did not want to send someone to the bank on a day that only \$5 may have been collected.

“That’s the wrong attitude to have,” Judge Wilson said. “This is an easy fix. Just make daily deposits.” Green agreed that daily deposits would be made from now on.

The fifth finding was that Green overspent the maximum salary limitation fixed by the fiscal court. It was decided that Green was not at fault for this, since an adjustment should have been made to the budget and was not. This was due to the hiring of a deputy, which the fiscal court was aware of, but

took no action to amend the salary budget.

The biggest item in question was that no receipt or disbursement ledger was maintained for the Drug Fund, and that \$2,675 in cash was withdrawn through ATMs and was not accounted for.

“This is the one I’ve been getting calls about,” Magistrate Kory Naranjo told Green. Naranjo said that this finding raised the most suspicion because there is no way of knowing where that money went. Magistrates asked Green if all of this money was used for drug buys.

“Sometimes the drug buy doesn’t go through, but that money is returned to the safe in the office,” Green said. He said that there is more than \$2,000

in the safe.

The magistrates asked questions about some of the transactions that were made from the drug account, such as a \$254.40 charge in September, 2011, from Preslar’s Western Shop in Louisville, and a \$187.06 charge at Tractor Supply in Union City, Tenn. in September, 2014, and smaller charges at Tractor Supply in January and February of this year.

Green said that the purchase at Preslar’s Western Shop were for work boots, and that the charges at Tractor Supply were for dog food and supplies for a German Shepherd that was donated to the sheriff’s department and will go to training soon.

The last finding regarded inadequate segregation of duties. It was understood that this is a common problem in small communities, but that measures should be taken to provide a system of checks and balances with the department’s funds.

“My hope is that we won’t be having this same discussion next year,” Wilson concluded.

After some discussion, the meeting adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the fiscal court is Thursday, April 9.

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and Weakley in Tennessee, providing medical services to the working un-insured and those on unemployment but not insured.

- Fulton County 4-H Council - \$500 – Scholarships for 4-H camp
- Hickman County Senior Citizens - \$1,500 – servicing senior citizens
- Carlisle County Senior Citizens - \$1,500 – servicing senior citizens
- Fulton County Senior Citizens - \$1,500 – servicing senior citizens
- STARS Family Resource and Youth Service - \$500 – Summer Camp – assisting with transportation
- KAPS Family Resource Youth Service Center - \$500 – Back to School Fair – 400 students
- Hickman County Memorial Library - \$500 – Summer reading program, new books
- Mission House - \$500 – Emergency food for food pantry
- Carlisle County Food Bank - \$500 – Emergency



**DONATION FOR FOUR COUNTIES** – (At right) On March 26 the Change for The Community committee presented \$11,000 to non-profit organizations in the counties of Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman in Kentucky and Obion and Weakley in Tennessee. Those accepting the funds for the Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center located in South Fulton, Tenn., servicing the counties of Fulton and Hickman in Kentucky and Obion and Weakley in Tennessee include: (l to r) Karl Ivey, John Varden, Ann Elliott, Anna McCoy, and Dr. Bill Smith, supervising physician (\$2,500).

food for food pantry


- Hickman Rotary Club - \$500 – To assist with sending

more students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)


- Hickman County EMS - \$500 – for equipment

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## Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

Big thanks to the Hickman County community for your amazing response to two regular events last week. Last Monday, 35 people came for the community blood drive, and we realized 32 successful units donated. Several who had appointments called to say they couldn't come because of illness, etc., a much appreciated action, and very few were turned away because of small health concerns. You guys are amazing and faithful and joyful and greatly appreciated. And to everyone who help provide food for the canteen; you not only make the donors safer and happy, you make the entire afternoon much more pleasant with your generous tasty treats. Many thanks. And on Saturday, the recycling trailer was empty at 8 a.m., and by 9:30 when it was heaped high with materials. We also hauled two pick-up loads of metal away and a good amount of glass and stacked another trailerload of other recyclables in the county shed. Spring cleaning be praised, we love your response to the community recycling project! Thank you for your continued support of this earth-saving work – we couldn't do without all of you, including our county highway workers. Special thanks to Alec Spillman and Zeke Prince for giving up their Saturday morning to help fill the trailer. We are blessed by the concern and generosity of this community. Thank you for helping with so many worthwhile projects, especially these two.

-All the community blood drive and community recycling volunteers

## Beware the first of April

Depending on which day you read this it may just be that it is April Fool's Day. Beware unsuspecting April Fool's Day pranks on April 1. Some of the good ones I have heard include a classic: placing a cup of water on a partially opened door. When the unsuspecting person opens (or closes the door) the cup of water falls down, maybe even on the "victim". I also heard that someone once covered the sensor on the garage door so that every time the remote was pushed, the door sprang back open. Once I heard about a guy who reset all the clocks in the house two hours earlier, so those traditional alarm clocks were going off two hours early. It would take a lot of setting in some homes with all the clocks on ovens, microwaves, and walls. There is one clock in our home that I can always rely on though. It is a radio-controlled clock that automatically sets itself to the correct time. I suppose someone could preset it though and remove the battery so that it wouldn't move, so maybe not even that one is safe from mischief.

I remember when Burger King published a full page advertisement in USA Today announcing the introduction of a new item to their menu: a "Left-Handed Whopper" specially designed for the 32 million left-handed Americans. According to the advertisement, the new whopper included the same ingredients as the original Whopper (lettuce, tomato, hamburger patty, etc.), but all the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of their left-handed customers. The following day Burger King issued a follow-up release revealing that although the Left-Handed Whopper was a hoax, thousands of customers had gone into restaurants to request the new sandwich. Simultaneously, according to the press release, "many others requested their own 'right handed' version."

I have never been a good April Fool's prankster. But there are plenty who are, so look out. Take nothing for face value on that day, especially if there are known pranksters in your family or workplace.

## Jobless Rates

in February 2014, to 6.8 percent this year. Hickman County now has the third lowest unemployment rate in the Purchase Area behind only Calloway County (5.2 percent) and Carlisle County (5.5 percent). Hickman County's rate is still slightly higher than the Purchase Area's unemployment rate of 5.5 percent. Unemployment in the Purchase Area as a whole dropped to 5.5 percent, down from 8.4 percent last year. Across the state, Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 3.5 percent. It was followed by Fayette County, 4 percent; Oldham, Scott and Shelby counties, 4.1 percent each; Boone and Owen counties, 4.3 percent each; and Anderson, Jessamine, Spencer and Washington counties, 4.4 percent each. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate – 14.3 percent. It was followed by Elliott County, 11.8 percent;

Russell County, 11.5 percent; Carter County, 11.1 percent; Harlan County, 10.5 percent; Leslie and Menifee counties, 10.3 percent each; Letcher and Wolfe counties, 10.2 percent each; and Breathitt County, 10.1 percent. Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted because of the small sample size for each county. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years. Learn more about Kentucky labor market information at [www.kylmi.ky.gov](http://www.kylmi.ky.gov).



## Legislative Update

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 27, 2015) – The Kentucky General Assembly's 2015 session has drawn to a close. The Senate worked through Tuesday evening and into the early hours of Wednesday morning to ensure that key pieces of legislation were passed and sent to the Governor for his signature to become law. For the past three years, the Senate has led the charge to pass legislation to address the scourge of heroin addiction in Kentucky. I am pleased to say that after countless hours of bipartisan work that goal was accomplished with the passage of Senate Bill 192. The bill was signed into law Wednesday, March 25 by Governor Beshear. Senate Bill 192 toughens penalties for trafficking in heroin, including a new crime of importing heroin into the state with the intent to sell it – punishable by up to 10 years in prison. It also infuses more than \$10 million into rehabilitation programs and extending protections to our first responders who administer the drug naloxone, which can reverse the effects of a heroin overdose. Local elected officials will have the option of allowing



Sen. Humphries

needle exchange programs. I hope this multi-faceted approach to law enforcement, public health and treatment will loosen the terrible hold heroin addiction has on Kentucky and save lives. We also took action to stabilize the budget which builds and maintains roads through a tax on the sale of gasoline. You may have heard it call the "road fund." The gasoline tax rate is tied to the wholesale price of gas and is currently 27.6 cents a gallon. The tax rate was projected to drop to 22.5 cents a gallon on April 1. If this happened, new construction by the Commonwealth would have been limited and city and county road projects would have been all but eliminated. I voted for a proposal which will reduce the tax you will pay at the pump but also ensures the stability of the "road fund" so you will have safe roads to drive on. It also protects you from large gas tax increases in the future. House Bill 299 lowers the gas tax to 26 cents a gallon and locks that tax rate in for the next 15 months. On July 1, 2016, a new gas tax rate will take effect by averaging the quarterly wholesale price of gasoline during the previous year. Based on this average, the tax rate can never go up more than 10% in one year. City and county governments receive 48% of every gas tax dollar collected. They rely on

these funds to pay for road construction, maintenance, snow plowing and salt. I also voted for House Bill 510 to provide an additional \$7.8 million, out of existing funds, to supplement county and city road budgets. This was requested by local elected officials to prevent lay-offs in their road departments and to help offset the cost of the severe weather this winter. Senators answered a call to provide civil protection from domestic violence, sexual abuse or stalking in the form of a protective order by giving final passage to House Bill 8. The bill also streamlines the process to obtain protective orders for other victims, and allows an order to be expunged from someone's record if a judge dismisses the order. Currently, victims of dating violence in Kentucky must file criminal charges against their partner in the hope of preventing ongoing abuse. Only victims who are married to, have a child with, or live with their abuser can seek civil protection from domestic violence or abuse, physical violence, or stalking as specified under current law. House Bill 8 provides the same protections under a different section of the statutes. Other legislation approved this week included: Child booster seats. House Bill 315 requires booster seats to be used in motor vehicles by

children who are less than eight years old and are between 40 inches and 57 inches in height. Funding for Pediatric Cancer Research. Senate Bill 82 creates state income tax refund check-offs to support pediatric cancer research and Kentucky's rape crisis centers. The regular session may be complete, but the work of the General Assembly continues. During the interim, I will be in my district meeting with constituents to hear your concerns and ideas. Beginning in June, joint committee meetings will be held in Frankfort and throughout the state to give Senate and House members an opportunity to study issues in depth and to monitor the progress of newly-enacted laws. As always, please contact my office in Frankfort toll free at 1-800-372-7181 or via e-mail at [Stan.Humphries@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Stan.Humphries@lrc.ky.gov) to express your concerns or to get more information.

*Note: Senator Stan Humphries (R-Cadiz) represents the 1st District including Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg counties. For a high-resolution jpeg of Senator Humphries, please visit <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/senate38.htm>*

## Campbellsville University promotes Dr. Donna Hedgepath to vice president for academic affairs

By Joan C. McKinney, news and publications coordinator

Campbellsville University President Michael V. Carter has announced the selection of Dr. Donna Hedgepath, dean of the School of Education, as the new vice president for academic affairs. Her selection results from a year-long national search to find the "best replacement for Dr. Frank Cheatham, who is retiring in mid-May of this year as CU's chief academic officer," Carter said. Carter said, "Dr. Hedgepath has the breadth of experience and academic training to lead CU's diverse and growing academic programs to new levels of excellence and comprehensive scope. "During the past decade in her time at CU, she has shown exceptional leadership skills, academic depth and knowledge,

strong Christian faith and servanthood and respect among her peers. Her leadership of the School of Education over the past couple of years has been a time of innovation, vision and streamlining of academic offerings." "I am honored and humbled by my recent appointment as the vice president for academic affairs," Hedgepath said. "I look forward to serving the students and faculty at CU while maintaining a spirit of 'faith and learning' that prepares servant leaders. "I am excited to serve CU in this capacity as we move forward," she said. Hedgepath has worked with Cheatham as one of the institution's academic deans and served as a member of the Administrative Council, CU's highest level of administration, for the past two years representing the faculty. Carter said she will be able to work with Cheatham between now and his retirement. He

called Cheatham "one of the true giants of Baptist higher education" who is serving in his 42nd year at Campbellsville University. Hedgepath, a 1992 bachelor's and 1999 master's graduate of Campbellsville University, has participated in the national accreditation of the School of Education as well as gaining knowledge of the SACSCOC accreditation standards during her time as dean. Prior to her tenure as dean, Hedgepath served as a member of the faculty in both the Schools of Education and Music. She brings to her new position ten plus years of experience with Campbellsville University and proven administrative leadership skills as an academic dean and faculty member. Carter said, "Her writing and research skills, as an academician, are exemplary, she is respected by the current administrative leadership team as well as her colleagues on the faculty and staff, and she has excellent understanding of the mission and future of Campbellsville University." Hedgepath has a Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Kentucky which she received in August 2006. She specialized in teacher quality. She received her Master of Music in Music Education degree from Campbellsville University in 1999 with core



Dr. Donna Hedgepath

content for arts and humanities curriculum alignment as her research focus. She received her Bachelor of Music in Music Education from CU in 1992. She has her rank I in vocal music K-12 and gifted and talented education endorsement from Western Kentucky University. She served as a teacher in the Marion County School System from 1993 to 2001 and taught one year in the Taylor County School System. She is married to Pete Hedgepath and has three sons, Mitchell Tinnell and Nathan and Aaron Hedgepath. She is a 1988 graduate of Fulton County High School and the daughter of Linda Rice of Hickman and the late Fred Rice.

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# Community News

## Area Obituaries

### Martha Grubbs

Martha Jane Johnson Grubbs, 85, of Clinton, Ky., died at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Clinton-Hickman Co. ICF Nursing Home.

She was a member of Springhill Baptist Church and a homemaker.


She is survived by her two sons, Kerry and Jimmy Grubbs, both of Clinton; three brothers, Jerry and Otis Clyde Johnson, both of Arlington, Ky. and Bobby Johnson of Columbia, Ill.; five grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Tommy Grubbs; 2 sons, Jeff and Tim Grubbs; two sisters, Joann Allison and Shirley Wilson. Her parents were Ottis Purl and Lillie Mae Vance Johnson.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Revs. Chris Clark and Rocky James officiating. Burial was in the Springhill Cemetery.

Donations may be made: Clinton-Hickman Co. ICF Nursing Home, 366 South Washington, Clinton, KY 42031 or Gideon's International, P.O. Box 1325, Fulton, KY 42041.

### Wilmer Ray Rogers

 Wilmer Ray "Joe" Rogers, 89, of Milburn, Ky. died at 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Mills Health & Rehab in Mayfield.

He was a United States Army WII veteran with the 29th Infantry CO. K. 116th, a retired Maintenance man with Carlisle Co. School, a member of Bardwell VFW, and a member of Arlington Assembly of God.

He is survived by his daughter, Angela Burgess of Milburn; son, Duane Rogers of Milburn; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Rose Burkett Rogers; and one son, Jimmy Ray Rogers; His parents were John Plummer and Minnie Hasty Rogers.

Services were at 11 a.m. Friday, March 27 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Arlington. Rev. Gleen Rushing officiated, with burial in St. Jerome Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Disabled American Veterans, 1133 Murray Street, Paducah, KY 42003.

## Second Baptist Church News

By Teresa Walton Pearson

March 29 - Palm Sunday  
John Hill gave the Sunday School devotion from Judges 2:16 - 23 He talked about what it means to turn to or turn from something. John said the Bible is full of turn to or turn from, we should always turn for the better and turn to God.

Kay Jones sang "God On The Mountain" Ryker Cagle sang "Through The Fire"

Bro. Dustin's message was from Genesis 9: 8 - 16 - The Rainbow, Passover and the Book of Life. The rainbow is a symbol of hope to the world God said he would not destroy the world again by flood. The world has now corrupted the rainbow, he said "isn't that just like satin, to turn something beautiful into something sinful and corrupt. In Exodus 12 The Passover was when God told them to apply blood over their door and God would passover them when he was killing the firstborn of Egypt. In Revelation 20: 11- 15 The books - plural are the books that the dead will be judged with but the book singular is the Book of Life that your name will have to be written in to get to Heaven. We had three join the church.

Sunday night we had the Lord's Supper.

Please pray for: Teen Garrison, Thomas Dublin, Bro. Rocky James, Larry Cagle, Jim Schooley, Deloris Spurlin, Megan Grubbs, Hal Cannon, Dorothy Hoskins, Deloris Spurlin and her daughter Sheila, Jimmy Cox, Nancy Puckett, Joseph Atkinson, Billy Lamb, Debbie Kilpatrick, Steven Turner II, Cheyenne Lomax, Jim Connell, Richard Puckett and the family of Martha Grubbs.

Second will go see The Passion Play at Trace Creek on April 3, leaving the church at 5:30. Church Clean Up Day April 11, Easter Sunrise Service on Easter at 6 a.m., and we will have Homecoming on April 26.


We have a new website: clintonsecondbaptist.com

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Visitors are always welcome at Second Baptist Church. Sunday School starts at 10am. Worship service is at 11am. Sunday night worship service is at 6 pm. Wednesday night 7 pm. Pastor Bro. Dustin Cunningham

## HOPE AGAIN

Have you ever been hopeless about something? Have you lost hope? Is there any one of us who hasn't had a hopeless day or days? The disciples of Jesus had lost hope.

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Two disciples trudged along the Emmaus road from Jerusalem heavy hearted. Their Lord, King and Redeemer was crucified. "We trusted he should have redeemed Israel (Luke 24:21). Now he is gone." They were sad (v 17), and their hope was gone.

Mary came to the tomb early on the first day of the week to anoint the body of Jesus, but the tomb was empty (John

20). She stood there weeping. Not only had they crucified her Lord but now someone, she thought, had taken the body. Hope was gone.

One that same day the disciples were gathered somewhere in Jerusalem behind closed doors their hearts filled with fear of the Jews, their hope gone.

Then Jesus appeared and "the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." They had hope again. Jesus was alive. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15:19). The fact of Jesus' resurrection puts everything in perspective. He gives hope in hopelessness. He assures us that beyond our earthly journey here are better things to come. "But if we hope for that we see not, we then do with patience wait for it." (Romans 8:25).

## New Hope Missionary Baptist Church News

By Wanda Powell

On March 29 Youth Day was celebrated at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Conner Lomax led the congregation in singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Noah Ferguson read the devotion from Psalm 128:1. : Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways." James Kelley, Bro. Randy McClure and Mrs. Kathy McClure sang a beautiful special song "Praise God." The song touched everybody's heart.

Brother Randy McClure preached from Luke 23:3 "And Pilate asked him, saying,


Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

Jesus died on the cross for us. All you have to do is repent of your sins and believe that Jesus Christ is your Savior. Jesus is the same today, yesterday, and tomorrow. Andrew Ferguson led the congregation in singing "Tell It To Jesus."

Please pray for Teresa Ferguson, Mary Burpo, Beulah Scarborough, and Joyce Gargus.

May everyone have a "Happy Easter." May God bless everyone.

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## Foreign Persons Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings

(Clinton, KY) –March 23, 2015-- The Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Hickman and Fulton Counties, Diane Dunn, CED reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Dunn.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural

land," said Dunn.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Hickman County FSA office at 270-653-2721 or visit the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov>.

## EASTER

Easter is really an entire season of the Christian church year, as opposed to a single-day observance. Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, is a time of reflection and penance and represents the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting his ministry, a time in which Christians believe he survived various temptations by the devil. The day before Lent, known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, is a last hurrah of food and fun before the fasting begins. The week preceding Easter is called Holy Week and includes Maundy Thursday, which commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples; Good



Friday, which honors the day of his crucifixion; and Holy Saturday, which focuses on the transition between the crucifixion and resurrection. The 50-day period following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide and includes a celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven.

In addition to Easter's religious significance, it also has a commercial side, as evidenced by the mounds of jelly beans and marshmallow chicks that appear in stores each spring. As with Christmas, over the centuries various folk customs and pagan traditions, including Easter eggs, bunnies, baskets and candy, have become a standard part of this holy holiday.

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For churches, that main track is what we call “the gospel.” It is fully defined in our text –(v. 1) “... the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (v. 2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.”

And that gospel is spelled out in the next verses. To summarize (you can read it in your own Bible, and if you don’t have one we’ll be glad to help), the gospel by which we are saved is “how that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, And that He was seen . . .”

We often say “The gospel is good news.” But taken by itself, the fact that Christ died is hardly “good news” — unless it is completed with the evidence of His death, “and that He was buried,” and with the glory of His resurrection, as evidenced by some ten appearances in a 40-day period. The burial, sealed in a cave for three days and three nights, combined with what He endured on the way to the cross and with what He endured physically on the cross, does away once for all with the “swoon” theory that says the cool air of the cave awakened the sleeper from His stupor. The burial settles the matter: Christ died.

And the resurrection, greatest news of all, would not have been possible without the burial! Then the varied appearances, some to one or two people or a small group at close range, one to over 500 at once, in varied circumstances, rule out the possibility of fraud and establish the power of life beyond death once for all.

“Yes,” one will respond, “but just believing that gospel isn’t enough. We must keep it in memory, and the text says some believe in vain!” True enough. But what are we to keep in memory? The gospel itself which was preached, v. 2. And what is it to believe in vain? The chapter tells us, in vv. 13-14. “And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.” To believe in vain would be to believe a lie; if Christ did not rise, then there is no resurrection; and if there is no resurrection, then Christ did not rise. Either way, to believe it would be a lie, believing in vain. “But now,” v.20, “Christ is risen from the dead . . .” (emphasis in original text) and therefore we know that our faith is not in vain, and our labor is not in vain in the Lord, v. 58. And the “if” in v. 2 is what is called a “first class condition” which bears the idea of “since.”

In short, if we have really believed the once-for-all truth of this one gospel, we may have great confidence—not in ourselves, but in the God Who controls it all! That is main-line Christian faith, with no need for any side tracks. And the destination of that gospel train is called Heaven!

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**QUESTION:** I want to know if it’s true that federal employees can retire early and get a pension and then still get Social Security after working only 10 years. Wouldn’t this have an impact on the solvency of the trust fund?

**ANSWER:** It is true, but it is not as simple as that. Government employees who get a pension do not just get Social Security in addition to their pension – they have to earn it like everybody else.

First of all, the “10 years” refers to how many years of work are required to be eligible for Social Security benefits. This is true for anyone, regardless of whether or not they are a government employee. It also needs to be understood that while working in government jobs that are paying these pensions, the person is not paying Social Security taxes. However, the 10-year requirement applies to 10 years of working in a job that does require Social Security tax payments. Many times teachers are in this situation because they work part of the year for the government and supplement their income over the summer working in a different job. So that general statement may make it seem like they did not “earn” their Social Security benefits, but they did because they paid Social Security taxes through other jobs.

Another thing that is important to know is that people who are eligible for both a government pension and Social Security benefits are subject to a reduction in their Social Security benefits due to a law called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). WEP looks at how much the

retiree is receiving from a government pension and from taxes paid into Social Security. What is key here is how many years are considered “substantial earnings.” Anything under 30 years results in a substantial reduction in the person’s Social Security benefit. If the retired government employee elects to receive spousal Social Security benefits, they will be affected by the Government Pension Offset (GPO), which is similar to WEP, but calculated differently. So either way, the person will receive a reduction in Social Security benefits.

Regardless of when the government employee retires, he or she will only receive Social Security benefits if they paid into the system for the required 10-year minimum, and even then, they will receive a reduced benefit.

**QUESTION:** There has been a lot of talk about Social Security running out of funding to pay benefits. Have they thought about not paying benefits to criminals? Is there any law currently on the books about this?

**ANSWER:** Actually, there are some laws about not paying criminals both Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits. However, breaking the law in and of itself does not necessarily prevent someone from receiving a benefit payment.

Social Security benefits are suspended if someone is incarcerated for a criminal offense for more than 30 days. Benefits are reinstated once the person gets out of jail. During incarceration, dependents (i.e. spouses and

children) can continue to receive payments. This rule applies to those who are found guilty or not guilty by reason of insanity, as well as those who are incompetent to stand trial, but are still held in an institution by court order at public expense.

In addition to incarceration, benefits are not be paid to someone who has an outstanding arrest warrant for felony offenses including flight to avoid prosecution or confinement, escape from custody and/or flight-escape. A person is also not eligible for benefit payments in any month that he/she violates a condition of probation or parole.

SSI benefit rules are slightly different. If someone receiving SSI is incarcerated, benefits will stop and can be reinstated at the time the person is released. However, if the person is incarcerated for more than 12 months, eligibility for SSI will completely terminate. Therefore, when the person is released, he/she will have to reapply. The person is allowed to reapply in prison if they have an expected release date to help speed up the process, but those benefits cannot begin until after the person has been released.

To ask a question about Social Security contact AMAC’s C.J. Miles at [cmiles@amac.us](mailto:cmiles@amac.us).

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## Area Announcements

The Mission House distributes CSFP (Cheese) Commodities monthly to Hickman County residents who are 60 years or over, meet the income guidelines, and are pre-registered. Pick up dates are Thursday & Friday after the third Tuesday of each month.

**Every Monday:**

• AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

**First Monday:**

• Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**Second Monday:**

• Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.  
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**Every Wednesday:**

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• **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.

• **The Hickman County Board of Education** will meet at 7:00

p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, in the Board of Education office located at 416 Waterfield Drive, Clinton, KY, to transact routine business.

• **The Mission House** is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and first Saturday of the month.

• **The Hickman Co. Historical and Genealogical Society Center** is open Wednesday & Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For appointment, call LaDonna Latham at 653-4190 or Norma Gene Humphreys at 653-6208

• **Hickman County Fiscal Court** will meet Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m.in the County Judge Executive office.

• **Assembly of God** will have an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 4 at 11 a.m.

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# News/Finance

## Fraud From Pg. 1

from outside the country.

Smith said that someone came into First Community Bank as recently as Monday morning with a \$6,700 check they had received in the mail. “We’re sure it is fraudulent,” he said. The customer said the check had come from Publishers Clearing House, and that the check itself said it was from Remax.

Smith also said that fraudulent organizations will call a victim and say they are with the IRS or with their bank, and need to verify some information.

“We will never ask for your information over the phone, if we initiated the call, because we already have it,” he said.

Another big problem is credit card and debit card fraud. Smith said that there are a lot of criminals out there that buy databases of credit card information, then use the cards in small amounts so that their use is undetected.

“The best way to detect fraud is to check your bank

statement every month and ensure that you authorized each charge,” he said.

Lisa Rushing, Executive Vice President at Clinton Bank, warns about suspicious winnings where victims are asked to pay in order to receive their award.

“You should never be asked to pay if you’ve won something,” she said. “We always have customers bringing in letters asking them to send money somewhere in order to receive their winnings.

The Federal Trade Commission offers the information below on credit card fraud:

Credit card fraud takes place every day in a variety of ways. You can’t always prevent it from happening, but you can create some obstacles and make it tougher for someone to get hold of your cards and card numbers. Treating your credit cards and account numbers like cash — that is,

very carefully — is one way to head off potential misuse.

**How Does Credit Card Fraud Happen?**

Theft, the most obvious form of credit card fraud, can happen in a variety of ways, from low tech dumpster diving to high tech hacking. A thief might go through the trash to find discarded billing statements and then use your account information to buy things. A retail or bank website might get hacked, and your card number could be stolen and shared. Perhaps a dishonest clerk or waiter takes a photo of your credit card and uses your account to buy items or create another account. Or maybe you get a call offering a free trip or discounted travel package. But to be eligible, you have to join a club and give your account number, say, to guarantee your place. The next thing you know, charges you didn’t make are on your bill, and the trip promoters who called you are nowhere to be found.



## FIRST AID TRAINING

Jim Thompson, of Baptist Health Occupational Medicine, gave a t first aid training seminar to Hickman County Senior Citizen’s Center staff on Monday. Shown from left (standing) are Phillip McClure, Melissa Mason, Latisha Hopson, Rhonda Parham, Mary Davis, Walter Doering, and Rose Duffy. Thompson is kneeling



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### What Can You Do?

Incorporating a few practices into your daily routine can help keep your cards and account numbers safe. For example, keep a record of your account numbers, their expiration dates and the phone number to report fraud for each company in a secure place. Don’t lend your card to anyone — even your kids or roommates — and don’t leave your cards, receipts, or statements around your home or office. When you no longer need them, shred them before throwing them away.

Other fraud protection practices include:

- Don’t give your account number to anyone on the phone unless you’ve made the call to a company you know to be reputable. If you’ve never done business with them before, do an online search first for reviews or complaints.
- Carry your cards separately from your wallet. It can minimize your losses if someone steals your wallet or purse. And carry only the card you need for that outing.
- During a transaction, keep your eye on your card. Make sure you get it back before you walk away.
- Never sign a blank receipt. Draw a line through any blank spaces above the total.
- Save your receipts to compare with your statement.
- Open your bills promptly — or check them online often — and reconcile them with the purchases you’ve made.
- Report any questionable charges to the card issuer.
- Notify your card issuer if your address changes or if you will be traveling.
- Don’t write your account number on the outside of an envelope.

### Report Losses and Fraud

Call the card issuer as soon as you realize your card has been lost or stolen. Many companies have toll-free numbers and 24 hour service to deal with this. Once you report the loss or theft, the law says you have no additional responsibility for charges you didn’t make; in any case, your liability for each card lost or stolen is \$50. If you suspect that the card was used fraudulently, you may have to sign a statement under oath that you didn’t make the purchases in question



**RISING STAR** – Johnson Heating and Air in Union City, Tenn., recently received an award at the Trane/ Woodson & Bozeman Dealer Banquet in Nashville, Tenn. The business received the Rising Star Award for Trane’s five state Mid-South Trane zone. Taking part in the presentation were, from left, office manager Lettie Johnson, president Donnie Johnson, Kelvin Pitcock and Donnie Ray Johnson, sales coordinator, service manager and home solution specialist. (Photo submitted)

## Breaking the news

Dear Dave,

My parents are going through a divorce, and money issues are a big part of the problem. My dad bought several rental properties and poured money into them. Then, he lost them to foreclosure and isn’t making a lot in his new, commission-based job. How can I, as a 25-year-old kid, tell him that his career choices aren’t working?

Ryan

Dear Ryan,

I’m sorry to hear about your mom and dad. Divorce is never an easy thing, no matter how old you are.

You’ve probably heard lots of old sayings about how winners never quit. Well, in many cases those are false statements. Winners and successful people quit all the time; they quit doing things that aren’t working. This doesn’t have to mean that you quit on a dream, but it could mean you change the methodology you’re using — especially if it’s not getting you anywhere.

Part of being a successful entrepreneur is having the ability to recognize when something

isn’t working and change it. You sound like a smart, caring young man, but there’s little chance that a twenty-something with very little life experience will be able to convince his father of these things. I mean, he’s probably in his fifties, right? Plus, he’s going through a divorce, and it sounds like he’s broke and emotionally worn out.

You’ve got a great heart, and I’m glad you care enough about your dad to try and help him. But in this scenario, I think he needs to talk to someone like a pastor, or even an older relative or good friend closer to his own age — a guy with a little more life experience. Maybe you could talk to someone like this and explain what your dad is going through. Ask them to talk to him, and see if he’ll open up to some new ideas.

In the meantime, just be there for him and show all the support you can. You’re a good son, Ryan.

—Dave

*\*Dave Ramsey is America’s trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.*

## District Court Report

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 03/30/15.

Danny Wilson. TBUT or Disp. Auto- \$500 or More BUT U/\$10,000. TBUT or Disp. All Others U/\$500. Criminal Trespass- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Continue to 4/6/15 in Fulton County for Circuit Court.

Steve D. Young. Possess Open Alcohol Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle. Tampering with Physical Evidence. OP MV Under/Influence of Alcohol/ Drugs, etc., .08 1<sup>st</sup> off. Poss. of Marijuana. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Rear License Not Illuminated. Plead not guilty. Preliminary Hearing set for 4/6/15 at 10 a.m.

David Allen Garrett. Rear License Not Illuminated. Informally divert. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss on proof. Operating

Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Plead guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. \$100 fine.

Rachael L. Grubbs. Speeding 20 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program.

Rodney P. Hunter. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. Continue one week.

Blake Allen Marcum. Disregarding Stop Sign (two counts). Carless Driving. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Continue arraignment to 4/6/15.

Matthew L. McCollum. Speeding 18 Mph. Over Limit. Plead not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 9/28/15.

Diane H. Eagan. Other Hearing. Show case for 4/13/15.

Rickie L. Boyd. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, compliant.

Sarah L. Dycus. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, compliant.

Clayton E. Walker. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, compliant.

Carolyn K. Webb. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, compliant.

Christopher Lee Crumble. Pretrial Conference. To enter plea 4/20/15.

Eva F. Glisson. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Bench Trial set for 6/1/15.

John P. McCuiston. Plead guilty to amended charge of 9 mph (limited access). Pay in full by 4/23/15. Reckless Driving. Dis.

James T. Janes. Other Hearing. Plead guilty to amended charge of Carless Driving. \$100 fine.

Tamara Lynn Owens. Other Hearing. Continue SCIP to 6/25/15.

Charles J. Ferrell. Review. Dismiss.

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# News

## Golden Oldies Kitchen Band visits Senior Center

by Kay Presson, Editor,  
Carlisle Weekly

Wednesday, March 25, several of us members of the Golden Oldies Kitchen Band went to Hickman County Senior Center in Clinton. Glenda Jones drove the Carlisle County Senior Citizens van, and as always, did an excellent job.

Those of us who went were: Martha Lee, Fran Stovall, Brenda Newsome, Evelyn Loney, Maggie Dillon, Dee Shelton, Marilyn Polivick, Glenda Jones, and myself, Kay Presson.

When we arrived, we were greeted by Director Rhonda Parham. Glenda told Rhonda that the Golden Oldies Kitchen Band has a new bird...a pink one, as a partner to the blue one.

After a group picture was taken, Glenda introduced us and thanked everyone for their warm, hospitable welcome. Marilyn Polivick then played the piano, and we all joined in singing the gospel song, "What A Day That Will Be."

Then, the dancing and singing to some great rock 'n'



**SOGGY BOTTOM GIRLS** - Martha Lee, Fran Stovall, and Brenda Newsome, perform a rendition of "Man of Constant Sorrows" for guests at the Hickman County Senior Citizens Center last Wednesday.

roll songs began. Some of the songs were: "Man Of Constant Sorrow," "Great Balls Of Fire," and "Locomotion."

As we left to travel back to Bardwell, we were greeted by

Ed Carter, and he asked that we would join him in singing "It Is No Secret What God Can Do." All of us joined in singing the song, and he thanked. The photos are of Rhonda Parham

placing the chairs, Golden Oldies Kitchen Band, and Ed Carter. On our return home, we stopped at Luke's Restaurant in Arlington.



**EASTER EGG HUNT** - Charley Campbell and brother Logan Campbell sort through Easter Eggs Saturday at Cayce United Methodist Church. The hunt was moved in-doors due to cold weather.

## Smartt to speak at Sister Salad Supper

Calling all women who like to laugh and eat salads (you'll love the variety!), especially those that someone else has prepared.

Come to First United Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, April 7, at 6 p.m.



**Lisa Smartt**

for Sister Salad Supper with Lisa Smartt, author, newspaper columnist, and one-who-laughs-loudest-at-herself.

Smartt lives outside Dresden, Tenn., writes weekly for the Martin, Tenn., newspaper, and is also author of a series of four books about Doug and Carlie who themselves met through a family matchmaker and continue that tradition together of spreading love and marriage. If you appreciate your

Southern small-town roots and can identify with a sister who struggles to keep her household going, eat more green, leafy vegetables, and clean out that jam-packed hall closet, you'll enjoy Smartt's ease at presenting everyday events that drive you crazy and help you laugh at yourself.

Check out Smartt's website, lisasmartt.com, for more information, and please, come on Tuesday, April 7, to eat and laugh and enjoy a springtime delight that will lighten your heart and lessen your angst about spring cleaning.

There will be plenty to eat, not all leafy green, some sweet, maybe even chocolate (!!!). If you're a planner, please call Gwenda at the church, 653-3241, to tell her you've marked your calendar - or just come! We'd love to have you, sisters!



*Photos by Daniel Richardson*  
**BUILDING HOPE** - Two Hickman County High School students spent Saturday volunteering at the Habitat for Humanity build in Fulton. Alex Spillman, above, and Zeke Prince, at right, enjoyed building the back deck for the house.



## Cunningham new Executive Assistant at FCB

First Community Bank of the Heartland President Bruce Kimbell announced last week the hiring of Teresa Cunningham as an Executive Assistant at the Clinton location. Ms. Cunningham will be replacing Deena Pittman, who will be taking a Consumer Loan Officer position. Kimbell also announced that in the fall of 2015, Teresa Craddock will be moving to the bank's newest location in Martin, Tenn., and Jeremy Black will be expanding

his role with the addition of Ms. Craddock's residential loan responsibilities. "Our recent growth has allowed for an expansion of employment opportunities and also a chance for our existing employees to assume greater responsibility within the organization," said Kimbell. First Community Bank of the Heartland has 5 locations in Hickman, Graves and Ballard counties in western Kentucky and a soon to be opened location in Martin.



**Cunningham**

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## Clinton Place, A Diversicare Transitional Care Community 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Clinton Place, A Diversicare Transitional Care Community, residents and staff invite you to out 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 3, beginning promptly at 3:30 p.m. Ages eligible to participate are Pre-K through 3rd grade.



**Friday, April 3**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Pre-K - 2nd Grade**



## BESHEAR VISITS HICKMAN COUNTY

Andy Beshear, Democratic Candidate for Kentucky Attorney General, stopped by the Hickman County Economic Development Authority office Monday on his tour of the four river counties. Beshear traveled with Carlisle County Judge/Executive Greg Terry, and began the day by visiting the Ballard County Courthouse, then went to the Carlisle County Courthouse before having lunch at Nicky's BBQ. Beshear arrived in Hickman County shortly after 1 p.m. and spoke individually with those present before speaking briefly about his platform. Beshear is shown above with Kentucky Great River Road Organization Executive Director Norma Pruitt and Columbus-Belmont State Park manager Cindy Lynch. He is shown at right with HCEDA Executive Director Greg Pruitt.



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